

## **Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee**

Draft Minutes for September 9, 2004

### Attendees:

#### Committee Members:

Ralph Hambrick, Sue Cecil, John Pearsall, Greg Velzy and Jonathan Young.

#### Others:

Lyn Crump (Dept. of Conservation and Recreation), Dick Gibbons (State Scenic River Board), Buzz Kraft (Richmond Raft) and Ralph White (James River Parks).

The meeting convened with a unanimous approval of the minutes.

Buzz Kraft reported on his excursion down the James with the Governor's family.

Ralph Hambrick reported on the status of the Riverside Drive stabilization project including the City's efforts to acquire a temporary easement for construction purposes.

Hambrick communicated the status of whitewater takeout discussions including the Department of Public Utilities willingness to consider Chappel Island as a takeout location. Buzz Kraft conveyed to the Committee that there is a school of thought among city staff that Ancorow's Landing is sufficient for takeout. Kraft and the Committee agreed that this position is erroneous. Hambrick advised that a meeting had been scheduled for September 14 pertaining to takeout.

Hambrick reported briefly on the amended Downtown Master Plan and his ease with the changes and on another topic advised that the development of a Surface Water Management Plan is still being negotiated.

The Committee discussed additional appointments and agreed to convene two executive sessions for the purpose of further discussing candidates for appointment.

The Committee unanimously approved the distribution of a letter, drafted by Ralph Hambrick, to Mayoral candidates along with all candidates for City Council. The motion was approved subsequent a few minor amendments motioned by John Pearsall. The purpose of the letter was to alert candidates for office of the Committee and extend an invitation to participate in discussions pertaining to the James River.

Additional topics of discussion included, a greenways conference, James River island inventory, CSO permits and the communication between James River groups. Further, Ralph White advised the Committee that his budget had been significantly cut.

The Committee communicated concern in that White's budget was very minimal prior to the cuts.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45.